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Could you or Matt watch this hearing and see what was said?

**Congress Reasserts Authority Over National Monuments.**

The [Washington Times](#) (2/6, Wolfgang) reports that lawmakers on Tuesday “began debate on three separate bills to create or modify monuments.” A hearing before the House subcommittee on federal lands “saw lawmakers debate the merits of several would-be monuments, including a site in Jackson, Mississippi, honoring the civil rights icon Medgar Evers, who led desegregation efforts in the state before being shot in front of his home.” The committee also will “consider increasing the acreage of Colorado’s Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument and another bill allow increased recreational activities at California’s Desert Conservation Area.” Republicans “say they’re not at all opposed to new monuments, provided proper processes are followed, and that the voices of lawmakers and local stakeholders are heeded.” The article notes that “the three bills brought up for debate Tuesday seem to have garnered a strong bipartisan consensus, which was sorely lacking from the discussions around Bears Ears, Grand Staircase, and other monuments that proved highly divisive and legally questionable.”

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